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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<i>Application Number</i>	10/014,570
	<i>Filing Date</i>	December 14, 2001
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Scharfe et al.
	<i>Art Unit</i>	1756
	<i>Examiner</i>	Dote
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	97244-US-NP XERZ 2 00612

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Other. \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- c.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ABOVE-INDICATED AMENDMENT(S)				
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	17 - 27 =	0	x \$50	= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(B))	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200	= \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (IF APPLICABLE) (37 CFR 1.16(D))		ANY -- 0	x \$360	= \$0.00
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (FOR APPLICATION THAT EXCEEDS 100 SHEETS, FEE FOR EACH GROUP OF 50 ADDITIONAL SHEETS)	0 GROUP(S)		x \$250	= \$0.00
	BASIC RCE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))			\$790.00
	TOTAL LARGE ENTITY FEE =			\$790.00
Payment for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.				

Respectfully submitted,

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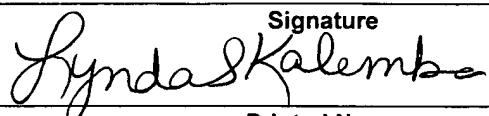
April 12, 2006

Date

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

- I certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and accompanying documents are being
- deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 and addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.
- deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 and addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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